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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL GRANTS COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR USPTO SALMON
AND GAJARSA

REF: USDOC 2174

¶1. Embassy Lisbon welcomes and grants country clearance for
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Attorney, Paul
Salmon, and invitational guest, Judge Arthur Gajarsa, to
travel to Lisbon, Portugal, from March 17-21, 2007. The
purpose of the trip is to speak at the Embassy of Portugal's
Intellectual Property Rights Program, hosted at the Fundacao
Luso-Americana.

¶2. Point of contact in Lisbon is POL/ECON Officer Tiffany
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¶3. Post understands that no Embassy assistance is requested.

¶4. TRAVEL TIPS: Taxis are relatively inexpensive. Be sure
to ask for a receipt (factura). A "taxi voucher" service is
available at the airport to arriving passengers. The cost of
the voucher depends on the distance of the trip and/or length
of time, as well as the type of service required.

¶5. It is possible to use most ATM cards in Multibanco teller
machines located throughout Portugal. Although Multibanco
does not assess a service charge for this transaction, normal
service charges assessed by your own bank will apply. USD
1.00 equals approximately Euro 0.76. The ATM machine will
automatically do the exchange.

¶6. THREAT ASSESSMENT: In light of the current worldwide
security situation, all Americans are reminded that it is
more important than ever to maintain a high level of
vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their
security awareness. Be sure to vary your times and routes
and avoid patterns in your activities. There are no known
specific and credible threats to include violent
demonstrations, terrorist or criminal acts that would affect
your visit. Personnel under the Chief of Mission's authority
will be notified of any security advisories issued during the
visit. While in Portugal, if you notice any suspicious
activity or have any security concerns, the Embassy's
Regional Security Officer (RSO) should be notified as soon as
possible. The RSO holds a weekly briefing every Thursday at
9:00. It is your responsibility to contact the Regional
Security Office to sign-up.

17. Portugal has a relatively low amount of street crime. Violent criminal confrontations and the use of weapons are rare. Burglars and pickpockets are active and visitors are encouraged to safeguard valuables and not carry large amounts of cash or unneeded credit cards. Visitors should also be very careful on crowded streets, in entertainment areas, department stores, restaurants or crowded public transportation. Car crime, such as auto thefts and thefts from vehicles is low. Travelers are warned not to leave valuables in hotel rooms. Eastern European organized crime groups are active in Portugal, but mainly target the immigrant populations. The police and other emergency services in Portugal are adequate. Threat information through the Consular Information Program is available on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the Internet, U.S. travelers may hear recorded information by calling the Department of State in Washington, DC at (202) 647-5225 from their touchtone telephone, or receive information by automated telefax by dialing (202) 647-3300 from their fax machine.

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